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PREVIOUSLY...

When the monster aptly called Carnage was on the loose, the Sentry flew him into space and tore him in two. That was the last anyone saw of the deranged serial killer Cletus Kasady and his partner, a symbiotic alien suit.

But industrialist Michael Hall had an idea...he retrieved the dried-up husk of Carnage's upper body from orbit, restored the symbiote to health, and extracted live tissue samples. He used this cruel and reckless breakthrough to create prosthetic limbs – like the arm he gave to psychiatrist Tanis Nieves – and suits of tech-symbiote hybrid armor for a security force called the Iron Rangers.

But the traces of symbiote in Tanis' arm took control and forced her to free the alien organism. Bonding with it, she became a new Carnage...though not for long. After fighting the heroes Spider-Man and Iron Man to infiltrate Hall's facility, the symbiote abandoned Tanis, and broke into the private security cells... where its original master Cletus, now legless, turned out to be alive! *Carnage is back!*

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Whatever Happened to Carnage?

(HOW CLETUS REMEMBERS IT):

NOW JUS' WHO THE HELL IS THIS SENTRY BUCK? HE'S A STRONG ONE

YEEEEEE HAW!!!

FAST TOO

WAIT ARE THOSE MY--

HEH HEH THAT SHOULDN'T BE FUNNY SHOULD IT

AW WHERE YOU GOIN'? DON'T LEAVE ME UP HERE IT WAS JUST GETTIN' GOOD

GUESS I'M DYIN'

HOPE IT'S AS FUN AS IT LOOKS

WASSAT? WE'RE GOIN' TO SLEEP? AH ALL RIGHT YOU DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO BUDDY

YOU DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO...

...THESE SACS CONVERT CARBON DIOXIDE INTO OXYGEN. THEY FED HIS LUNGS, HIS LUNGS FED THEM. PERFECT *SYMBIOSIS.*

@#$& HOW LONG YOU PUT ME DOWN FOR?

...ALMOST KILLED ITSELF DOING IT, BUT THE XENOMORPH KEPT *CLETUS KASADY* ALIVE.

IT KEPT ITS *OWNER* ALIVE. THE ORGANISM'S SALVAGE STATUS IS NOW IN QUESTION.

STUPID COLLEGE BOY VOICES CUT THEIR LIPS OFF

HARVEST THE SYMBIOTE. IF THE OWNER SURVIVES, ADMIT HIM TO THE TRIAL HOSPITAL AS "*JOHN DOE.*" NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT IT BUT US.

I SAID CUT THEIR LIPS OFF!

WHOA WAIT DON'T LET 'EM TAKE YOU GIRL!

HE'S AGITATED. PUT HIM UNDER.

NO! IT'S MINE! MINE FOR KILLING YOU!

YOU WANT CARNAGE...I'LL SHOW YOU... C-CARNAGE...

Hall Industries
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS.

ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU KEPT CLETUS KASADY PRISONER IN YOUR BASEMENT?!

WE KNOW HIM AS JOHN DOE, SPIDER-MAN, AND FOR LEGAL REASONS YOU NEED TO REFER TO HIM AS A "PATIENT."

MR. HALL, FRONT DESK SECURITY IS SENDING OUT A DISTRESS CALL...

WELL? WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

THEY'RE NOT "SAYING" ANYTHING. ALL I HEAR IS SOBBING...AND SOME SORT OF GURGLING SOUND.

GOOD GOD. WE'RE TOO LATE.

HA HA HA HA HA!

WHERE'S MIKEY HALL AT? I GOT SOME WORDS I WANNA STAB IN HIS EARS

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YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE EVERYTHING OVER THIS, HALL. I'LL SEE TO IT.

IRON MAN, P-PLEASE, WE HAVE *PROTOCOLS*... *FAILSAFES*...I ASSURE YOU, MY MEN CAN HANDLE IT.

GET OUT OF THE WAY.

THEIR SUITS ARE MADE FROM A TITANIUM-AUGMENTED SYMBIOTIC ALLOY...

THEY'RE STRONGER THAN HE IS!

HALL HAS AUTHORIZED THE KILL SHOT, ROYAL BLUE.

ARGHHH!

FIRE WHEN READY.

WAIT, YOU ACTUALLY PUT THE SYMBIOTE INSIDE THEIR ARMOR?

HEH HEH YOU WERE RIGHT AN' I DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU

DIDN'T THINK THEY'D BE DUMB ENOUGH TO PUT US IN THEIR DAMN CLOTHES

A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ROYAL BLUE?

TAKE THE SHOT!

HNNN... I-I CAN'T...

OH, GOD...

HALL! GET YOUR MEN OUT OF THERE!

TOO LATE.

ATTACK

AIIEEEEEE!

ACK--!

SMASH

OH, GOD, TONY... HE'S--

I KNOW. I'M TAKING HIM OUT.

SHIZZZZARK

SORRY PAL GOTTA TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM

GYARRRGH!

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU STEAL FROM ME HEH HEH

GRRK--RCH

CAAHK-- H-HELP...

YOU'RE DOGS NOW! MY DOGS!

KRRRK--

SOUROORRRCH

AIIEEEEEE!

HORRGGHHH!

GOD, N--URK!

THWIP

YOU TOO BLUE COME ON TO POPPA

H-HELP... SPIDER-MAN...

SNAP

OH, NO!

PLEASE!

NO...

NOOOOOOOO!

MOMMY...

M-MMPH--

K-K-K-K...

SQUIRCH SQUIRCH

AAAAAAAGHHHH!

HEH HEH DID IT JUST GET BADASS IN HERE?!

Hall Industries
SECURE HOLDING CELL OF PATIENT: "JOHN DOE" A.K.A. CLETUS KASADY.

CAN YOU HEAR ME, DOCTOR?

HNNNNN....

DARKZAR?

AAAAAAHHH!

F-FRANCES? WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?

I WANTED TO LOOK GOOD FOR MY BOYFRIEND.

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

C-CLETUS? NO, I--

LIAR!

UNGH!

I'VE HEARD YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND IN HIS *CLOTHES!* ARE YOU TRYING TO STEAL HIM, "DOCTOR"?

IS THAT WHY YOU SAID HE WAS BAD FOR ME?! THAT I DIDN'T NEED HIM?! THAT--

OH...OH, I SEE.

THIS DOESN'T MAKE YOU SPECIAL, YOU KNOW?

IT DOESN'T MEAN HE LOVES *YOU* MORE THAN ME...

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

DON'T ACT STUPID.

YOU'RE CARRYING HIS BABY.

OH, GOD. NO...

METAL FEELS FUNNY NEXT TO THEIR BODIES HEH HEH

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE WORN DEAD BODIES AS CLOTHES...

MIGHT BE THE MOST FUN I'VE HAD THOUGH

MAKES THE TOP THREE AT LEAST

HRRMMPH!

COLLISION COMPENSATION SUCCESSFUL. SERVOS ADJUSTING.

THAT ARMOR IS TEN GENERATIONS BEHIND MINE, KASADY. THIS ENDS WITH YOU DEAD OR IN JAIL--

HEH HEH YOU LOOK LIKE A @#$%& BALLERINA WHEN YOU DO THAT

THWAP

SMASH

G-GET IT OFF ME...

NO...

F-FRANCES, PLEASE...HELP ME...!

IT'S ASKING...IT WANTS TO TAKE MY MIND...!

IT DOESN'T FEEL GOOD, DOES IT?! SOMEONE GETTING INTO YOUR HEAD?

TRYING TO CHANGE WHAT YOU ARE?

HNNNNNGH...

BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU TRIED TO DO WITH ME, ISN'T IT?

IMMA OCEAN OF HATE BREAKIN' OVER YOUR CITY MAN

ONLY WAY [illegible] MICHAEL HALL

HALL'S LONG GONE BY NOW, KASADY.

AND YOU'VE TRIED TO TAKE MY CITY BEFORE, REMEMBER?

YOU DIDN'T STOP ME

THE TIDE JUST WENT OUT

BUT THE MOON'S FULL ISN'T IT

TIDE'S COMIN' BACK

ARE YOU REHEARSING FOR A POETRY SLAM?

GRRRK

SHANK

WHOA--!

HRK--!

HEH HEH
YOU LIKE JOKES
DAD?

EVIL DO A BIT FOR YA!

SMASH

NGH!

"I SPIDER MAN LOOK AT ME I'M DEAD"

NNN... NNN...

HEH HEH
COMEDY

NO!

YOU SICK HILLBILLY!

NO. NO! NO!!!

IT WON'T STOP ASKING! IT'S CRYING FOR ME TO FEED IT!

YOU'RE ITS MOMMY. SHOULDN'T YOU TAKE CARE OF IT?

WEREN'T YOU ALWAYS ASKING ME TO INDULGE MY NURTURING SIDE... THE SIDE I HATE?

NOW YOU'LL INDULGE THE DARKNESS INSIDE YOU.

NOW YOU'LL SEE WHY I SHRIEK.

HNNNNGH!

I...I FEEL ITS HUNGER... IT'S MY HUNGER...

I NEED IT TOO--

NO! I--

I-IT LOVES ME...

"ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY," RIGHT, TANIS?!

"ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!"

THAT'S RIGHT...

NyUUUNNNNGH!!!

MARTHA!?

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING...

GARGHHHH!

SLRCH SLRCH SLRCH

HAHAHA!! GO! GO! GO!

THUD

LOOK AT YOU...

LOOKY, LOOKY...

LOOK AT *YOU*.

YOU THINK THIS IS FUNNY?!

YOU THINK YOU CAN HIDE FROM ME IN THIS THING?!

I'M NOT GOING TO STOP, CLETUS!

I'LL TEAR YOUR HEAD OFF!!

SURE SURE

SPIDER-MAN--

COULD YOU MOVE TO YOUR LEFT A BIT?

THANKS.

THROW

OW HEH HEH

FELT THAT ONE

TIME OUT?

NOT ON YOUR LIFE, YOU--

AGGH!

SKRRRMEEEEKKKKKK!

HI, HONEY.

DID YOU MISS ME?

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